

## HANDBALL, BASKETBALLS, PUGILISM, CYCLING, HORSE RACING.

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Interscholastic Association  
Will Consider the Scheme  
Next Saturday.

TO TRY BOSTON AGAIN.  
New York Lads Want Revenge  
for Their Recent Defeat  
at the Hub.

By Paul H. Christensen.

The annual meeting of the National Interscholastic Athletic Association will be held at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club next Saturday evening, and the advisability of admitting public schools into the league will be considered. The public school boys are not likely to become prominent factors in athletics for several years, and the scholastic cracks do not believe they will wrest any gold medals from them. It does not seem, however, justifiable that youngsters who attend the free institutions should be barred from contending in open school games. At the recent public school meet several performances were noteworthy, and the amount of enthusiasm displayed was greater by far than one is accustomed to witness at scholastic contests in general.

The Long Island League admits public institutions and there is no reason why the local association should not do so. The Brooklyn High School has turned out many fine athletes, and has for the last three seasons been a close second to St. Paul's in the scoring for points. Moreover, the football and basketball teams of the school have always been exceptionally able. The Manual Training School, lately admitted, has already done creditable work in the athletic field. And the best point in favor of taking in public schools is that the move will financially better the association, as will be seen by the Long Island boys' league. The league has never been better fixed in this respect.

Want Revenge on Boston.

The Goshutes are to have a return whack at their Boston rivals on March 4, at the Hub. The relay team, which represented this city on February 18 at the Boston A. A. games, was hardly up to the standard, and was outclassed. The Manhattanites seek the sweet revenge, and team is now being selected that will at least make it worth while for the Boston boys. The race is to take place at the New England Interscholastic games, at Mechanics Hall. The conditions are the same as those that governed the last year's contest. Each team will cover 300 yards. Although the quartet has not been fully decided upon, the following boys have practically been chosen to give the annual championship meeting on April 20, at Middletown, where a new track has been laid out. Some of the boys are as follows: New York, St. Paul's, De la Salle, Forney, Berkeley, and Trede, Trinity. White covered his 300 yards in 48 seconds, and if pushed can better that performance. Sprague is a flyer, and there is probably no heavier than can hold him. Adam, from Trinity, is a good runner, and Trede is capable of about the latter time.

The New Interscholastic League.

Plans were recently perfected at Middletown for a new interscholastic association, to be known as the Wesleyan Interscholastic League. Berkeley is the only school in this city which has or intends to become a member of the league. The league will hold its annual championship meeting on April 20, at Middletown, where a new track has been laid out. Some of the boys are as follows: New York, St. Paul's, De la Salle, Forney, Berkeley, and Trede, Trinity. White covered his 300 yards in 48 seconds, and if pushed can better that performance. Sprague is a flyer, and there is probably no heavier than can hold him. Adam, from Trinity, is a good runner, and Trede is capable of about the latter time.

Next week the wedding will commence, and the Varsity players and candidates from the upper classes will be called upon. Twenty men will be reserved for the freshmen team and those freshmen who are fast enough will be taken on the Varsity squad. The latter will probably be Steinwender, second base; Chapman and St. Paul, first base; Meyer, pitcher; Beardsley, third base; and Brown, catcher. At present there seem to be only five men who are reasonably sure of holding their places on the team: Hamilton, catcher; Captain Kafer, catcher; Hillebrand and Harrison, pitchers; Hutchins, third base; Suter, right field; Watkins, left field; and center.

For the vacant positions Chapman, '02; Hamilton, '01; Mattis, '01; Black, '00, and Green, '02, are a quartet who are all crack players and all candidates for first base. From these men Princeton will have the field of the first-bagman in the collegiate ball game. The Princeton team last year, champion Andover School team last year, Hamilton has played on the Duxbury Athletic Club team and the first baseman of the 1901 team; Mattis played several games on the Varsity last year; Black is a heavy hitting infielder who was unable to play last year on account of the out rule, and Green caught and captured the Lawrenceville School team of '08.

For second base, Black, Ingle, and Steinwender, '02, are the strongest men, and there will be a pretty battle between them for the key to the infield. Short stop lies between Duxbury, '01, Theodore, '02, and the heavier batter of the two will probably land the place. For third base Hutchins, who played last year, will have as his opponent Beardsley, the Varsity half back and the crack third baseman of the St. John's Military School at Manhattan, N. Y.

The outfield is still practically open territory, with Brady, '01; Brown, '02; Watkins, '01; Robinson, 1900, and Suter, '03, the available men.

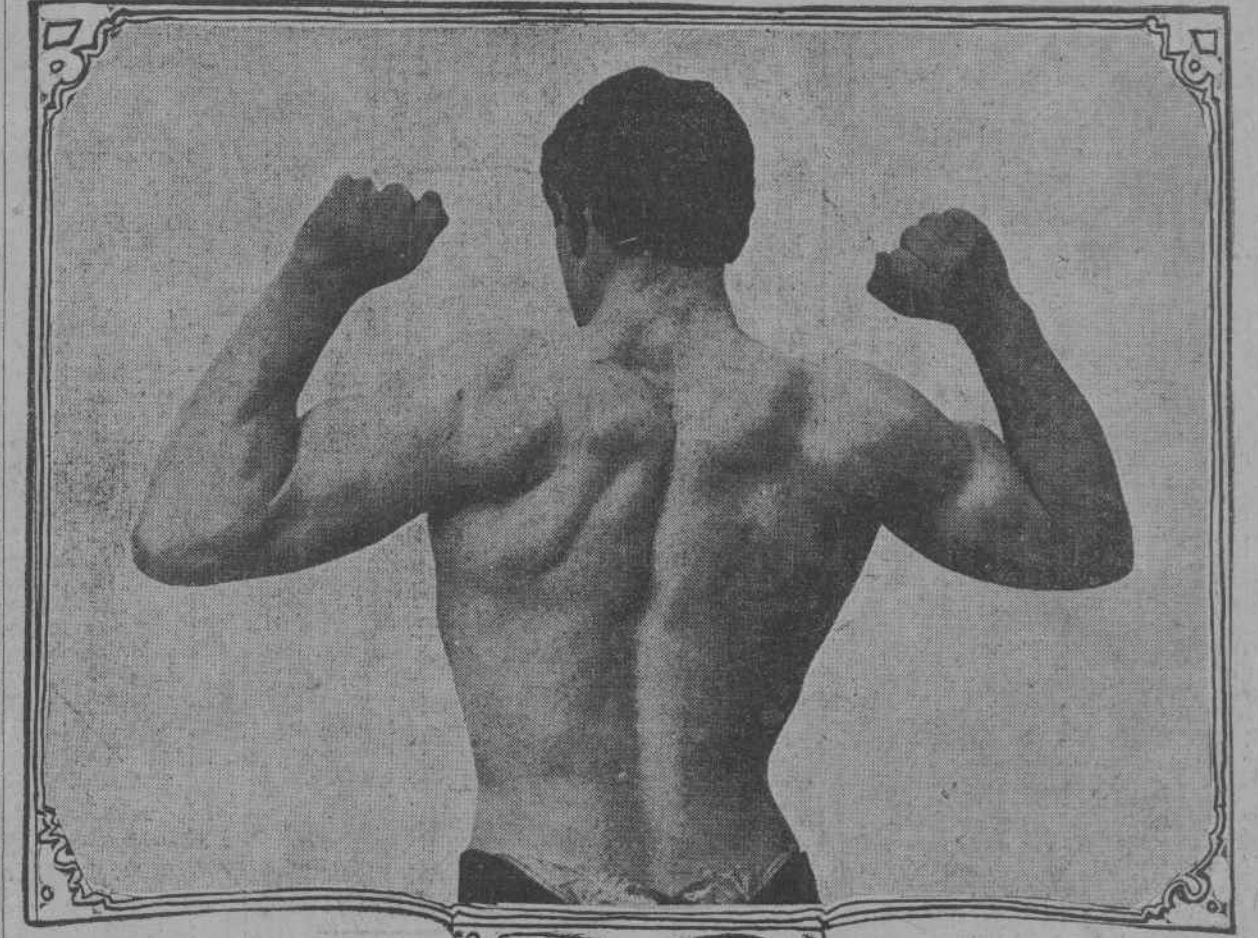
Since Suter led the batting list of last year and is the most valuable all around man on the team, there is little likelihood of his being crowded out of his old position at right. Both Varsity and freshmen teams will be picked before April 1, when the Southern trip will be made. The first game will be played on March 22 against Rutgers.

**Among the Cricketers.**  
The Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Cricket League met yesterday at the office of the American Cricket Annual, No. 150 Nassau street, and elected: President, C. W. Vickers; Vice-President, C. Morton; Secretary, J. Peel, No. 20 North Fifth street, East Newark, N. J.; Treasurer, W. C. Turtan, captain, T. Gilbert; Vice-captain, A. Backus; Executive Committee, N. V. Vickers, W. C. Turtan and T. Gilbert. The club has a large membership, and is in a very prosperous condition. The grounds at Roseville will be improved.

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## CHAMPION EGALELS OF HANDBALL.

Muscular Development of Back by Hand Ball.



## A Peerless Sport Is This Old Irish Game.

HANDBALL is one of the oldest of games. It is probably what may be called an essentially Irish game, for the reason that 200 years or more ago it was played in the old country, even when they had only the turf to play upon.

The courts, or alleys, as we call them in these days, were generally constructed of a few boards built at the end of a field, or perhaps two or three feet of "shoulders" at either side of the "main wall." The "shoulders" were just large enough to make corner play possible, but as a matter of fact the "corners" were seldom brought into requisition. The players did not stop to think about them. Their one and only aim was to smash the ball up against the main wall and let the other side take its chance at smashing it back. Since then the system of play has been improved in many ways, as all ancient sports have been. In the matter of structure wherein the game may be carried out, there has been very improvement imaginable. This is especially in the United States.

No game played indoors so completely and thoroughly brings into play the muscles of a participant as does handball. The player, from his toes to neck, is active to the full extent of the best kind of exercise. Every instant of time that he is in the game he is working with his feet, ankles, legs and both hands and arms, which bring into play the muscles of the chest. This is no game that can be played with success with only one hand. To be proficient a man must be able to use his left arm equally with his right. So, you see, both sides of the body are brought into constant action. Keen eyesight, too, is absolutely necessary to make a high-class player. It might also be said that the optic nerve is strengthened by the practice of handball. The combination of sight and use of the hands at distances which vary, but which call into play quick though not necessarily violent action, are used as arguments to help the game along as a healthful exercise. I think there is nothing like it. You will notice that all the most prominent pugilists have during the last few years instituted it as a part of their daily routine for the purpose of improving their wind. I think Corbett was the first of the champions to place it on his daily bill of fare, but now they all do it.

They couldn't do better. There is no indoor game so invigorating as handball. In my opinion, the quicker the public at large finds this out the better it will be for the public.

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**Yale Must Wait for Dutch Carter.**  
The Great College Pitcher Won't Be Able to Coach at Yale Until March 15.

New Haven, Feb. 25.—Captain Charley De Saullies, of the Yale baseball nine, said to-day that he had a total of 125 candidates at work for the four squads which are in training. Of these there are twenty Varsity and twenty freshmen battery candidates and about forty-five in both the Varsity and freshman fielding squads.

De Saullies has just learned that it will be impossible for Walter F. Carter, of New York, who will be head coach this year, to arrive at the training of the team for several weeks. He has secured the assistance of "Gill" Greenway, last year's captain and pitcher, and of Harry M. Keator, outfielder and captain in '97, to coach for the next few weeks. They have already been here two or three days. Carter will arrive about March 15, the date Captain De Saullies expects to be able to take the nine out of doors, and will go with the club on its Southern trip, leaving here about March 28.

On this trip Yale will play the Washington League team, Georgetown University, University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina, in the order named. The trip will occupy about ten days, and about sixteen men will be taken. There will be a lively reduction of candidates within a fortnight.

Yale's football managers will have their plans laid for next season within a month. Captain McBride will probably announce his head coach for the coming season with in a fortnight. Ex-Captain Rodgers and Thorne have been here the past week, and it has been generally believed that they came at the request of Captain McBride, who wished to consult with them on the policy for the coming season. It is believed here that Rodgers will be appointed head coach, if he will accept the position. He is in the Harvard Law School, and it will be difficult for him to get away for the entire football season here.

At present the attention of Manager Rockefeller, of the Yale football eleven, is occupied in planning for the proposed game with a Western university and for the game with Rutgers on March 11. Brown game. Nearly all the newspapers in the West have published the statement that Rockefeller, challenged in turn the University of Chicago, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Michigan. Manager Rockefeller denies that he has sent any definite challenge to a Western university. He has, he states, simply written to the Western colleges asking them to play a game with Yale in the Fall. If he can arrange a game with one of these three colleges while his eleven is in the East, he will do so. Yale will, however, play only one western college next year. It makes little difference here which of the three is played.

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## 16 COLLEGES TO SEND GYMNASTS.

All the Prominent Institutions Have Entered the Championship Race.

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for the Best All-Around  
Work.

Sixteen colleges have entered teams in the tournament for the Intercollegiate gymnastic championship, to be conducted under the auspices of the New York University on March 24. These colleges are Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Cornell, Amherst, Wesleyan, Lehigh, La Fayette, Swarthmore, Haverford, Rutgers, Union, Union Theological and the New York University.

There have been many gymnastic contests among the colleges in the past, but this will be the first meeting that could fairly be called a championship ever held in the United States. One of the causes for the slow growth of gymnastics in popular favor was the remarkable craze for track athletics which developed a little over a decade ago. Previous to that gymnastics held a high place in college sports, and an annual championship would have undoubtedly long since been inaugurated but for the introduction of track and field sports. During the last few years gymnastics has gained something like its former prestige, and there is little danger of it again taking a back seat in college pastimes. In fact, even the athletic authorities now recognize the fact that a proper amount of training on the various apparatus in the gymnasium will prove beneficial rather than harmful to the candidates for the track team.

The conditions governing the championship on March 24 are as follows:

First—Each competitor shall perform three exercises of his own selection or combination.

Second—Except in case of accident to the apparatus, no second attempt shall be allowed.

Third—The judges shall mark each performer, in a ratio to five points for a perfect performance, taking into consideration: (1) The difficulty of the exercise, (2) The beauty of the combination and its execution, (3) The general form of the contestant.

Fourth—The winner of the competition shall be the one having obtained the highest aggregate number of points, next highest second and so on.

Fifth—The contestants in the club swing, ring event shall be allowed to use such of their own selection and shall be allowed five minutes for a performance. As to qualification and eligibility, the meeting will be governed by the Intercollegiate rules. The events will consist of the horizontal bar, rings, side horse, tumbling, parallel bars and club swinging. Cups will be offered as prizes to first, second and third men in each event, and there will also be three exceptionally handsome cups offered for the all-around work. The man scoring the highest number of points will be styled the champion all-around college gymnast.

The credit for bringing about this important tournament belongs to Mr. Frank Cann, the indefatigable physical director of the New York University, and Commodore David H. Hanks, an enthusiastic alumnus of the local college. As the entries do not close till March 15, Professor Cann expects several more colleges to enter teams. There is, of course, considerable speculation as to which university will secure the most number of points at the championship. The four—Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Pennsylvania—are, of course, favorites, but as many of the smaller colleges have exceptionally good teams, particularly the New York University, it will be rather a difficult guess to select even a probable winner.

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